

B. F. TAYLOR,
Stevedore.

Lighters and Steam Launches
Supplied.

LOILO, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The Hongkong Telegraph

ESTABLISHED 1881.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS
ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD., LONDON.
DODWELL & CO., LTD., MANAGERS.
General Managers.

NEW SERIES NO. 1413. 日八初月二十年五十二緒光

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900.

一拜禮 號八月正英港香

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP " 12,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED " 12,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 7,500,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.
TOKIO KOBE
NAGASAKI LONDON, NEW YORK
LYONS, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
BOMBAY, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, NEWCHIANG.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARS' BANK, LTD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "
S. CHOH, Hongkong Manager.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1900. [382]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. Gray, Esq., Chairman.
N. A. Siens, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
David Meyer Moses, Esq.
E. Costz, Esq. A. McConachie, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq. J. A. Raymond, Esq.
R. H. Hill, Esq. P. Sache, Esq.
The Hon. J. J. Keswick, R. Shewell, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—Sir Thomas Jackson, Manager.

Shanghai—J. P. Wade Gardner, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED:
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.
THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1899. [19]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of £100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [10]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Paid up Capital £324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors—
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | D. Gillies, Esq.
Chow Tung Shing, Esq. | J. T. Lauts, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [8]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.

" 6 " 3 "

" 3 " 3 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [31]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON PEKING.

CHEFOO SINGAPORE.

CHINKIANG SWATOW.

FOOCHOW TIENSIN.

HANKOW.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4% " " 6 " 6 "
5% " " 3 " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1899. [1237]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

\$5 per Cask of 375 lbs. Net ex Godown,
SHIWAN, TOME'S & CO.,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1899. [1534a]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(10)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
LONDON Mazagon R. T. Cook, R.N.R. About 13th Jan. Freight only.
SHAI & JAPAN. Canton C. F. Lockstone, R.N.R. About 15th Jan. Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c. Massilia* C. Gadd. Noon, 20th Jan. Freight or Passage.
JAPAN Rohilla S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. About 20th Jan. Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI Bengal S. Barcham. About 20th Jan. Freight or Passage.
LONDON Bombay G. M. Montford, R.N.R. About 25th Jan. Freight or Passage.
* (See Special Advertisement). + (Passing through the Inland Sea).

For further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900. [5]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

(10)

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS;
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

Steamers will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.
PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 10th January.
KARLSRUHE WEDNESDAY, 24th January.
SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 21st February.
OLDENBURG WEDNESDAY, 7th March.
BAVERN WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
STUTTGART WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
KONIG ALBERT WEDNESDAY, 18th April.
WEIMAR WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
HAMBURG (Hamburg Amerika Linie) WEDNESDAY, 3rd May.
PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY, 13th June.
SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 27th June.
OLDENBURG WEDNESDAY, 25th July.
BAVERN WEDNESDAY, 8th August.
STUTTGART WEDNESDAY, 22nd August.
KONIG ALBERT WEDNESDAY, 5th September.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1900, at NOON, the Steamship
"PREUSSEN" of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain R. Heintze, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at
NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 8th January, and Parcels
will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 9th January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50

and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900.

NEW ROOMS
At Moderate Daily Rates.

HONGKONG HOTEL

PHONOGRAPHS.

THE NEW HOME PHONOGRAPH
(GENUINE EDISON) WITH FITTINGS.
PRICE \$80.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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"CLAYMORE."

FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

SOLE AGENTS:
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

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Intimations.

SALES

ACCELERATED by Competition and POPULARITY,

DAILY INCREASING

ON ACCOUNT OF

UNIFORM QUALITY,

AND

PERSISTENCY

OF RESULTS.

TERMS FROM

SCHLITZ, LIMITED,
Sole Consignees,

SCHLITZ BEER.

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UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL
AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON, CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS,
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS SKINNER.

SUPERINTENDENT ARCHIBALD RITCHIE.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Managers.

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PEAK HOTEL

AND

CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS,
CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK
HOTEL.

Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer
with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

A. MOIR.

Manager.

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CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1899.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on WEDNESDAY, the 10th January, 1900,

at NOON,

At H.M. NAVAL YARD,

SUND

To-day's
Advertisements.

IMPERIAL KWANTUNG LOAN
OF 1894.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND PART
PRINCIPAL
(NINTH PERIOD.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Warrants
of Interest on, and RE-PAYMENT of
Part Principal of the Bonds of the IMPERIAL
KWANTUNG LOAN of 1894, will be
ready for issue on the 10th January, 1900, at the
Office of the IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
Canton.

J. F. SCHÖENICKE,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,
Canton, 8th January, 1900.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the
above port, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
"TAMSUI MARU."

Captain K. Kobajima, will be despatched for the
above ports, on SUNDAY, the 14th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-

TION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship
"TRIESTE,"

Captain A. Mitti, will leave for the above places
on SUNDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIUCHI, AND

YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mad Steamship
"SACHSEN,"

of the NORDEUTSCHE LLOYD.
Captain F. Mentz, due here with the out-
ward German Mail about the 12th instant, will
leave for the above places about 24 hours after
arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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BRAZILIAN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEEN-
LAND PORTS, and taking through CARGO
to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship
"EASTERN,"

Captain Ellis, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.
This New Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-
visions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric-light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-
pany to and from MANSHA, are available for
return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVI-
GATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"VALETTA,"

FROM LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ,
BOMBAY, COLOMBO, & STRAITS.

Consignees of the by-above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on board:

From London, &c., ex S.S. Rome.

From Australia, ex S.S. India.

From Persian Gulf ex S.S. Patna & Makomedie.

From Madras, ex S.S. Londonia.

Goods not cleared by the 13th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BIRCHTOR,"

FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND
MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 15th instant, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriters on or before the 15th
instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, clapped, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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To-day's
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT
will be given on
WEDNESDAY, the 10th January, 1900,
in the
THEATRE ROYAL,
at 9 P.M.

In Aid of the
SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,
Under the Patronage of
H.E. Sir HENRY and Lady BLAKE,
H.E. Major-General & Mrs. GASCOIGNE,
Commodore & Mrs. POWELL,
and all the
Leading Citizens.

ADMISSION.

Dress Circle, \$2
Stalls and Pit, \$1

The Booking Office at CITY HALL, will be
open on TUESDAY, at 10 A.M., only Dress
Circle Seats can be reserved.

Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform, at
Door, Half-price to Pit. All Stalls on this
Occasion will form the Pit.

JAMES A. LOWSON,
Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.

FOR SALE.

THE well-known Steam Launch
"SAMCHING,"

Now lying off PRAYA EAST.

PARTICULARS.

Length overall 65 feet.
Breadth Extreme 12 ft.
Depth 6 ft.
COMPOUND ENGINE, with Condenser.
Cylinder 9 inches.
Stroke 12 "

BOILER.

Length 7 ft. 6 in.
Diameter 6 ft. 6 in.

Boiler and Engines in Good Condition.

For Price, &c., apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
6, Ice House Street.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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EUROPEAN CLERK WANTED.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN CO. require the
Services of a EUROPEAN CLERK, Age
about 25. Married man preferred. Liberal
Salary to an Experienced Man.

Apply by Letter to
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1900.
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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

I have prepared the following circular letter to be
addressed to all Correspondents who are addressed
to "The Hongkong Telegraph" and not to "The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph" and others to be sent to
the various offices of the Hongkong Telegraph
for insertion in the columns of that paper.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will allow
for the fair discharge of my correspondence, I do not
desire that the Editor does not in any way hold himself
responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to note that notices intended
for insertion in the Hongkong Telegraph must be received at
least three days before the date of publication, or else
will not be inserted.

Advertisers and subscribers which are not registered
for a fixed period will be charged at the rate of
one-half per cent. per annum.

Advertisers are invited to take advantage of the
large circulation of the Hongkong Telegraph published in the Far East, and
is the best medium for Advertisers. Please refer to application.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:

On the 7th at 12.15 p.m. the barometer has
fallen generally. Pressure remains high over
the interior of China, and the low area in the
Pacific has probably moved northwards towards

the S. coast of Japan. Gradients continue
rather steep, with very strong monsoon on the
coast and in the N. part of China sea.

FORECAST.—Fresh N. winds dull, rainy.

On the 8th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
risen slightly on the China coast. The high
pressure area still covers China, and pressure is
relatively low in the Pacific in the neighbour-
hood of the Loochoos. Gradients continue
rather steep, with very strong monsoon on the
coast and in the N. part of China sea.

FORECAST.—Fresh N. winds dull, rainy.

After an interval of ten minutes "On Land
and Water" was played by the Fusiliers Band
and then Mrs. Wallings sang "The Requital"
by Blumenthal, for which she received an
encore and repeated the last verse. She was in
excellent voice and her rendering of the song was perfect. Next came a selection from the
first act of Dorothy the parts being distributed thus:

Lydia—Mrs. Mitchell.

Dorothy—Mrs. Lawson.

Sherwood—Mr. G. P. Lammet.

Wilder—Mr. C. H. Lammert.

Tuppett—Dr. J. A. Lowson.

As the performers were all Lamments, with
the exception of Dr. Lowson who is a Lammer
by adoption, it is quite superfluous to say that
the selection was excellently given. The song
"I swear to be good and true," sung in parts
was capital rendered and the A.D.C. might
well stage "Dorothy" with the help of this
quintette. The fourth item was a couplet of
selections, "Alpha" and "Twilight," by the
Mandolin Band of H.M.S. *Barfleur* which were
excellently executed. Then on to the stage
marched a squad of the *Barfleur's* blue
jackets, who went through the culass drill and
then brought on a nine-pounder gun and did
everything that could possibly be done with
that weapon. Their gun-drill was excellent;
they were not perhaps so stiff and smart looking
as a squad of soldiers would have been, the bluejacket slobdon is, but their
time was marvellous. Within 13 seconds of
the order "dismount and retire" being given,
the gun lay dismounted on the stage and the
men had disappeared with the wheels, ammunition
box and all the vital parts of the gun's
mechanism. They simply threw the gun about
as though it was a toy and the applause which
greeted them showed that the audience had
not forgotten the deeds of the Naval
Brigade at Ladysmith. Mr. C. H. Grace
then sang "Soldiers of the Queen" in his
usual masterly style, the audience standing
and singing the chorus. Miss Anita Almada
Castro next danced a very pretty skirt dance,
arranged by Mr. G. A. Caldwell, for which she
received a well deserved encore. She was
dressed in a silver tinsel material which glittered
in the limelight like the silver spray from which
the dance takes its name. The scene at
the back of the stage was then drawn up and dis-
closed a tableau of Britannia, surrounded by
representatives of the different branches of the
two services. The first verse of "God Save the
Queen" was sung as a solo by Mrs. Wallings
and then by the audience, everybody standing,
and so came to an end the best entertainment
of its kind ever given in Hongkong.

Port after removal should be rested
for a month before use. Wine re-
quired for drinking at once should be
ordered to be decanted at the Dis-
pensary before being sent out.
These Wines are too favourably
known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-
ties will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and
Spirits to be genuine when bought

direct from us in the Colony, or from

our authorized Agents at the Coast
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

Cape Colony.

LONDON, January 5th.

The Boers retired from Molteno in
General Gatacre advancing with Infantry,
the Cape Mounted Rifles and Artillery.

Further Embodiment of Militia.

An Army Order directs the embodiment
of sixteen additional battalions of Militia.

Proclamation by President Steyn.

President Steyn has issued a proclamation
making every white irrespective of nationality
liable to military service.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900.

BY THE MAIL.

[From Home Papers.]

Another Editor Resigns.

—Were goods to the value of \$44,183 or thereabouts shipped by the Plaintiff at Tientsin on board of the s/s "Activ" or were the goods shipped by the Plaintiffs at Tientsin on board of the "Activ" of the value of \$28,539 or thereabouts or of what other value?

3.—If the goods shipped by the Plaintiffs as aforesaid were overvalued was such overvaluation made with intent to defraud the defendant Company?

4.—If the said goods were overvalued with intent to defraud the Defendant Company does such fraud so vitiate the Insurance as to release the Defendant Company altogether from any liability to the Plaintiffs?

5.—If the said goods were overvalued with intent to defraud the Defendant Company are the Plaintiffs nevertheless entitled to recover and take out of Court the money paid in by the Defendants?

The learned Counsel continuing said it appeared to him that the fourth and fifth were questions of law and would be for His Lordship to decide, while the second and third were for the jury. The first dealt with values which he afterwards defined as policies in which the value of the cargo had been agreed upon and the third issue treated with policies that had been entered into with intent to defraud. Mr. Drummond then went into the law relating to valued and open policies quoting from books on maritime law in support of his contention, that if it was bona fide transaction it did not affect the valuation.

This Lordship raising the point that if a ship was insured for £5,000 when the actual value was only £1,000 would that insurer be able to collect the £5,000 or would it not appear that the over-insurance was not proof of intent to defraud? Mr. Drummond said that he was obliged to His Lordship for the suggestion and that he would deal with this subject latter on. Mr. Drummond continuing said that as long as no fraud could be proved, the overvaluation in itself did not constitute fraud. In quoting from Lord Chief Justice Cockburn, Mr. Drummond showed that when the insurance company paid the money they were entitled to all the salvage, he said that in this case the defendants had obtained full salvage from the wreck, he then gave instances in which the whole value of the policy was obtained although at the time of the loss the ship and cargo was greatly under that value. Mr. Drummond then proceeded to cite cases in which goods had been insured without being actually in the possession of the policyholder and when loss had been incurred by the loss of the ship etc., the insurer has recovered the whole amount of his claim; this practice being very convenient as it enables a man to include a fair mercantile profit on his goods.

On the point of valuation of goods the merchant is entitled to include profits, Mr. Drummond cited cases in which the merchant had valued his goods far above the invoice price and had been granted the full insurance money. He would submit to his Lordship that the decision whether this was a valid policy or not would depend on the construction of the documents, and quoted from Taylor in his contention that it was for the Court to decide on the meaning and construction.

Mr. Drummond asked for the original policy which was on the file of the Court, to be produced. Mr. Francis objected as it was not relative to any of the issues in this case, and said the Complainant could make what use he liked of his refusal.

Dr. Drummond said this document was the very foundation of the case. His Lordship said that there was in existence such a document but it was relative to the case, was open to argument.

Dr. Drummond was allowed to proceed referring to this document but was again interrupted by Mr. Francis, who contended that this policy referred to an earlier voyage to the one on which the pleadings were founded and if his learned friend still insisted to argue on this document he would have to amend his pleadings.

Mr. Drummond, continuing, said he submitted that the wording of the policy did not attempt to upset its being a valued policy.

Case proceeding.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS FAMILIES' FUND.

The Undersigned begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to the above Fund.

T. JACKSON,

Hon. Treasurer.

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

Already acknowledged \$75,568.47

British Community, Cebu 435

Zetland Lodge Banquet 460

Concert at Chater's Bungalow, Kowloon 343

Captain, Officers and Men, H.M.S. "Watervliet" 267.50

Leigh and Orange 230

Officers and Men, H.M.S. "Pawnee" 151.46

Sanitary Department 110

Officers and Men, H.M.S. "British" 83.17

Subn. Taikoo Refinery Athletic Sports 83

European Staff, s.s. "Rosetta" 50

s.s. "Kutsang" additional 50

E. R. Hilliard 25

J. Thomson, s.s. "Pahshun" 25

J. D. Jenkins 15

James McDonald 15

Robt. Shears 10

W. H. Timbrell 10

Canton Villas 10

Smoking Concert Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders further subscription 17

A. C. More 15

Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Hunter" 15

further subscription 15

Hong Kong Yacht-club further subscription 12

C. L. G. 10

T. Skinner 10

J. S. Perry 10

E. E. Deacon 10

A. Raffle for a Cigar 2

Total \$78,155.50

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain P. Garrison, of the steamship "Whampoa," from Wuhu and Chinkiang, reports:—Moderate monsoon with hazy weather.

Captain Anderson, of the steamship "Fookang," from Wuhu and Chinkiang, reports:—Strong breeze and following sea with overcast weather and rain.

Captain E. J. Mather, of the steamship "Petland," from Balki, Japan, reports:—From Philippine coast to Hongkong strong N. to N.E. wind with heavy sea.

Captain Goodwin, of the steamship "Dionys," from Shanghai and Amoy, reports:—Had very strong northerly wind with rain and strong current to Amoy, from there to port strong northerly wind, overcast with strong current.

A Warm Corner.

The Hon. George Peel, who was present at the battle of Belmont, got into a warm corner, the bullet flying thickly around him, and, as he was only a spectator, he prudently scrambled back to the rear of the fighting line. After resting, he started again for the purpose of exploring, when he found himself suddenly in the enemy's camp. An old Boer jumped up from behind a rock, and Mr. Peel prepared to sell his life dearly, when, instead of a bullet, the Boer offered him a Bible, open at Revelations, and then fled precipitately. Mr. Peel was examining the Bible when two Granadier Guardsmen appeared and seized him. They refused to listen to his explanations, and to all his expostulations simply replied: "You're a Boer spy. Come along of us." Certainly, appearances were against Mr. Peel, with his soiled clothes, big broad-brimmed hat, unkempt hair, and Bible. The Tommies hatched their prisoner to a bullock wagon for safety. Finally, a member of Lord Methuen's staff recognised him, and he is now the life of the whole camp. Mr. Peel was on his way to bring his sister down from Kimberley. The "Pimpernel" left Southampton at three o'clock in the afternoon amid great enthusiasm.

Queen Wilhelmina's Engagement.

The rumour of Queen Wilhelmina's engagement is again revived. According to a Berlin correspondent, the betrothal of her Majesty to the second son of the Prince and Princess of Wied may now be regarded as a settled matter. Prince William of Wied is twenty-three years of age, and is a Lieutenant in the Garde du Corps of the Prussian Cavalry. He is a strikingly handsome man, standing about six feet high, and attracts great attention during the Queen's stay at Potsdam.

The German Emperor.

Both the Queen and the Prince of Wales have received letters from the German Emperor conveying assurance that his Majesty, the Empress, and their two boys enjoyed their visit to this country in a degree far beyond their expectations, which were great. The Emperor adds the expression of a hope that the visit may add something to increase what he calls the evidently growing friendship between Great Britain and Germany, and indicates that he sees the probability of great future benefit to the two empires from such friendship.

The New U.S. Consul at Pretoria.

It is to be hoped that the substitution of Mr. Adelbert E. Hay for Mr. Macnamara as United States Consul at Pretoria will have an excellent effect upon the manners of Mr. Kruger. Highlton the Boer President has refused to allow the American representative to take any steps to alleviate the lot of the British officers and men who are prisoners at Pretoria. It was owing to that refusal that the attempt made to provide comforts for the British prisoners turned out unsuccessful. The selection of the son of the Secretary of State for the post suggests a hint to the Transvaal Government that the United States Consul is a personage whose representations are entitled to proper consideration; and we are not without hope that Mr. Hay may yet succeed in the humane efforts in which his predecessor has failed.

American Ladies and the War.

One of the most satisfactory features in the present crisis is the readiness with which the American ladies resident in England have come forward to help of the wounded. They have, as everyone knows, fitted out a special hospital ship called the "Maine." On 4th ult. the officers and nurses who are to go out on this ship had the honour of an interview with the Queen, who spoke very charmingly to them. In the evening the American committee gave an "Ad Lumen" in the Hotel Cecil, and seem to have raised to good purpose in raising funds for the ship. The exertions of the committee is due very largely to the energy and enterprise of Lt. Col. Randolph Churchill, who sits upon it with the Duchess of Marlborough and a number of other fair Americans who have made England their home.

The German Emperor and the Volunteers.

In reply to a resolution, passed at the prize distribution to the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, welcoming the German Emperor to England, Colonel Sir Howard Vincent, the commanding officer, has received the following reply from Sir Arthur Bigge, private secretary to the Queen:—"Dear Sir Howard,—The copy of the resolution moved by the Duke of Westminster, and enthusiastically carried, at the distribution of prizes of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, which you forwarded to me, has been laid before the Emperor. I am commanded to beg you to convey to the regiment the thanks of His Majesty for their cordial expression of welcome, and for their kind allusion to the inspection of the corps by the Emperor, which occasion his Imperial Majesty renews with much satisfaction."

Proposed Reduction in Telegraph Rates.

Sir Edward Sassoon, M.P., in view of the expiry next March of the Anglo-French Convention, has written to the Postmaster-General, on behalf of the House of Commons' Imperial Telegraph Committee, suggesting the reduction of telegraphic rates between this country and France to one penny per word. He expresses the belief that the expansion of traffic, consequent upon a diminution of charge, would more than recoup any preliminary deficiency of revenue. This view was confirmed at an interview he had with M. Meugeot, French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. The Duke of Norfolk, in acknowledging the communication, said:—"I shall be happy to consider the statements contained in your letter respecting telegraph charges between England and France, and as soon as practicable a reply will be sent to you."

The Agricultural Holdings Act.

Mr. Long, President of the Board of Agriculture, speaking at the dinner of the Farmers' Club, on the 5th ult., said that in the course of the next Session of Parliament he hoped, on behalf of the Government, to deal with the Agricultural Holdings Act with a view to amending it in regard to regulating the proceedings of landlord and tenant. Our land system did not need reforms of a root-and-branch character, but simply such changes as would give economy and efficiency to the law governing the relations between landlord and tenant, and make the tenant secure, with regard to the legitimate operations he carried on upon his farm for the improvement of the land, while doing nothing to encourage the vicious system that prevailed in Ireland, under which it was attempted to give to the tenant something that belonged to the landlord.

A Sensible Frenchman.

Captain Fierion, Naval Attaché to the French Embassy, speaking at the annual dinner of the Royal Temple Yacht Club, on 30th Nov. after Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., had proposed the toast of "The Queen," said:—"I am sure I express not only my own feelings, but also those of the French Ambassador and of many, many Frenchmen at home and abroad, when I declare, somewhat solemnly, this: that we have the greatest respect for the Queen—loud cheering—that we have the greatest respect for the Royal Family—cheers—and that we are quite ready to have the greatest sympathy for the great nation of England. (Prolonged cheering.) I will say only this—that we quite and fully disapprove of the very bad ways of some of our newspapers. (Loud cheering.) The company, at the conclusion of Captain Fierion's speech, joined in: "The band enlivened the barracks courtyard with 'The Absent-Minded Beggar' and other Marseillaise."

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years observations to 1898.

Bromometer	30.159
Thermometer	59.7
Humidity	74
Rainfall	1.545

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.	On date at	On date at
Barometer	30.22	30.13
Temperature	42	45
Humidity	86	68
Rainfall	0.06	—

TO-DAY.

Monday, 8th January, 1900.

Chinese—8th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kuang-hsu.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 43min.
Sets 5hr. 25min.

Moon First Quarter tht. 17 7hr.

High water Morning 3hr. 35min.

Low water Afternoon 7hr. 50min.

Meeting 3hr. 30min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1785 Gunner of the "Lady Hughes" strangled at Canton.

1840 China deposed against trade with England.

1852 Ice-four inch thick at Canton.

1864 Prince Albert Victor born.

1892 Steamer "Anchow" lost off Cup-Chi.

near Swatow, with loss of nearly 500 persons, including Captain and officers.

1896 Chi Chuan appointed Special Envoy to Russia on a secret mission.

1907 Armed attack on a silk dealer's shop in Winglok Street, \$100 stolen.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 9th January, 1900.

Chinese—9th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kuang-hsu.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 43min.
Sets 5hr. 25min.

Moon Morning 3hr. 35min.

High water Afternoon 7hr. 50min.

Low water Morning 3hr. 30min.

Afternoon 10hr. 35min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1869 Murder of Mr. Bowditch, at the Peak.

1873 Marriage of the Mikado.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900.

Intimations.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.
THE THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 13th January, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1899, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 13th January, 1900, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1900. [28b]

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the General Managers, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 15th January, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th to 13th January, 1900, both days inclusive.

MEYER & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [1622a]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, 1900, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, (both days inclusive), during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,
General Agents for
The West Point Building Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [15b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, 1900, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [14b]

NOTICE is hereby given that a certain SHARE CERTIFICATE numbered 2737, for 100 Shares in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, has been issued fraudulently and without the authority of the said Company and is now in circulation.

ALL PERSONS therefore are hereby warned against purchasing or otherwise dealing with the said Share Certificate.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary,

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1625a]

"THE ABSENT MINDED BEGGAR."

GRAND NEW PATRIOTIC POEM by RUDYARD KIPLING, Music by Sir ARTHUR SULLIVAN.

Has created a furor unexampled, amazing, immense.

Order at once "for your Credits Sake and Pay, Pay, Pay."

Proceeds given to Patriotic Fund.

ROBINSON PIANO CO.,

Hongkong, Shanghai & Singapore.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [158a]

Notice of Firms.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. H. P. WADMAN has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY. By order of the Board of Directors.

A. S. GARFITT,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. [1b]

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself in Hongkong as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the STYLE and FIRM of F. W. HALL & CO.

F. W. HALL,
No. 1, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1900. [16b]

NOTICE.

WE have This Day appointed Messrs. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO. to be AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to them.

T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO.,

12, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [20a]

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

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TANG LAP TING,

MOK KUN HUI,

MOK YEKU LIM.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [21b]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1895. [18]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES	
INABA MARU.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 14th Jan., at 4 P.M.	
W. Bainbridge	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI (WOOUNG).	MONDAY, 15th Jan., at 4 P.M.	
KINSUI MARU.....	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 P.M.	
W. Andy	MARAKA MARU.....	VIENNA, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1900. [6]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)



HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIK PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
SARNIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	15th Freight and Passage.
Fuchs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	18th Freight.
AMBRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	27th Freight.
Burmeister	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	January, 1st Freight.
WITTENBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 27th Freight.
Madsen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	January, 1st Freight.
SILESIA	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG.	About 5th Freight and Passage.
Lebrens	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	February, 1st Passage.
HOLSATIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 8th Freight.
Baile	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	February, 1st Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [981]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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BOER VERSION OF ELAND-SLAAGTE.

The *Gaulois* publishes a letter from a Dutch volunteer describing his experiences at the battle of Elandslaagte, where he was taken prisoner. The letter is dated from Pietermaritzburg on October 25, and gives a vivid account of the engagement as far as it could be seen by a single combatant.

"Since this letter," begins the writer, "will be read by the British authorities, I will confine myself to relating what has happened to me since October 20. On that day six hundred of us arrived at Elandslaagte, two hours' journey from Ladysmith. The previous evening we had captured a provision train with military escort. I was ordered with nine men, among whom was the harvester Coster, to destroy the railway line in three places. One of these was quite close to Middelprins Station, the first stopping-place after Ladysmith, where the enemy had an outpost. Nevertheless this dangerous task was performed without incident."

"Next day, Saturday, the 21st, we had received no reinforcements (we were nine), but that did not prevent us from cutting the communications between two considerable forces, those of Dundee and Ladysmith.

"At seven o'clock in the morning the order was given to mount the enemy being on the march. We had hardly reached the works when shells began to fall among us. When we left eight had already been fired without doing any harm. I was pleased to see that everybody remained cool. The shells fell near the Dutch troops, of whom that day there were ninety-eight. Our two cannons replied. When we began to march the enemy disappeared. On our return to the camp we changed its position, wagons with our baggage and tents having just arrived. Then we had to saddle the horses immediately as the enemy advanced in great numbers. We rushed to a hill, descended on the other side to put the horses in shelter, and then returned to the ridge. There, with our two cannons, we awaited the attack of over 4,000 enemies. We were 60 Germans, 88 Dutch, and 200 Afrikanders from Fordsburg and Johannesburg (these Fordsburg and Johannesburg people are rather degenerate Afrikanders, badly educated, and mostly brick-layers)."

THE BRITISH ATTACK.

"The enemy had two batteries of Artillery with twelve guns, three regiments of Infantry, a regiment of Lancers, a regiment of light and a regiment of heavy Cavalry. I do not know the number of the Cavalry, but the Infantry was 3,000 strong.

"The enemy's artillery opened a violent fire on our two poor guns, and from time to time shell fell among us. At the end of 20 minutes one of our guns was dismounted. Meantime we had opened fire on the advancing Infantry, who replied with a hail of bullets."

"At this instant the majority of the Fordsburgers and Johannesburgers gave way in spite of the encouragements of our commander, who cried: 'Stand firm! All my Dutchmen are here yet.' The advancing Infantry kept up a terrible fusade on our 300 men. I was firing lying down on my stomach and, having lost sight of the troops coming from the plain, I resolved to wait until they showed themselves anew.

"Except the dead I saw nothing. The others had gone without my perceiving the movement on account of the infernal noise of the shells. A few, however, still remained a little behind me. I waited, still lying down, a couple of shells covering me with dirt, while the little leaden bullets fell, without exaggeration, on my back and beside me."

GORDONS' FINAL RUSH.

"Finally, the artillery fire began to decrease, and as the British began to whistle I concluded that the British had arrived on the field. Indeed I saw it a couple of hundred yards off and began to fire my last cartridges. It was the Gordon Highlanders, and at every shot two or three fell at once. Then our men began to fire again. I was very glad because I had thought at first that I was alone.

"My cartridges being exhausted I retired. The bullets whistled right and left, I heard nothing but the noise of the projectiles striking the rocks. In about two minutes I reached the slope of the hill, my escape from being hit in that time being incredible and miraculous, even in my own eyes.

"At this point I met another regiment of British Infantry. All our people were gone and, surrounded by Cavalry, were proceeding over the plain. It was all over. I had nothing to do but sit down and await events. In an instant the British came up to me and took away my rifle and empty cartridge bag. Nine others who had resisted to the last were taken prisoners at the same time.

The letter adds that 188 prisoners were taken, and that most of the Boer killed and wounded met their fate during the flight. During the journey the prisoners were well treated, but at Pietermaritzburg they only received prison fare. The cause of the defeat was the sending of so weak a force to occupy a dangerous position.

EXPERIENCES AT GLENCOE.

The following is an extract from an officer's letter, dated Ladysmith Camp, October 27, and just received in London, giving some further details of the battle at Glencoe:

"So many battles are occurring here that the Boers ought, by the time the Army Corps arrives, to be pretty tired of fighting, unless they have more men available for fighting than one is led to imagine. A small account of our battle will follow: At 5 a.m. we paraded, and were dismissed at 5.30. At 5.30 the first of the enemy's shells fell into camp, and a fairly quick fire was kept up by them. The 13th and 6th Batteries moved into position, and silenced the enemy's guns in a short time. The enemy not using any sharpshooter, our men laughed at their fire. We then advanced to a nearer range, and shelled the crest of both the Talana hills. We fired from the second position until we had driven the Boers from the edge of the crest. The general was shot while we were in our second position. We now advanced to a third position, and came under a heavy fire of Mauser bullets—at least I thought it unpleasantly heavy. After being in action about two or three minutes at a third position, the enemy's rifle fire on us stopped, the sharpshooter having driven them back. The Infantry got up to the top, and away went Mr. Boer on his pony. Our general was asked by a flag of truce for an armistice for them to bury their dead, &c., and, foolishly, as I think he gave it them, and asked them, and asked the Infantry to cease firing on the top. Mr. Boer then trekked away at a walk on his pony. The batteries meanwhile got up to the neck between the two hills, and found the Boers at a thousand yards or so in masses, the most lovely target any of us will ever see; but owing to the general having given an armistice we did not fire a shot at them. The Cavalry were wailing some distance on our right and wondering why on earth we didn't shoot them and make their retreat into a rout for them to take advantage of. We knocked most of the Boer guns out of action, and could have brought some of them into camp. But it was such a beastly wet night after the battle, and a long way to go to get them from the neck that we left them, and never had another chance. Their Artillery (Field) may be good, but the

fighting of the batteries seems bad, as they don't have men trained long enough at the work. I must be off now and post these words."—*Morning Post*.

MR. CHARLES NEUFELD.

TALKS OF THE KHALIFA.

"The Khalifa is dead; the Soudan is then at peace." That was Mr. Charles Neufeld's greeting, writes a *Morning Leader* representative. Two months ago, it will be remembered, we published an interview with Mr. Neufeld, in which he declared that "there is only one thing to be done with the Khalifa, and that is to take him. So long as he is at liberty there can be no peaceful settlement of the Soudan." Death has now still further assured us that settlement, and Mr. Neufeld is proportionately rejoiced.

But he will permit no calling of the Khalifa bad names; he is loud in admiration for the dead man's genius. Whether the Khalifa was inspired by patriotism, or by mere hatred of the "English Turks," or by mere lust of power, there is no question of his extraordinary administrative faculties.

"He was," said Mr. Neufeld, "the whole soul and spirit of the Mahdi's rebellion. His actions were secret, but they were the true springs of power. When the Mahdi travelled

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"Besides his cleverness, the Khalifa was possessed of great personal charm of manner when he pleased, and his influence over his followers was boundless. But he made a mistake, a bad mistake, for all his ability when he came down on the White Nile. He believed that the Transvaal war had drawn off all the British troops; and when I said that he had come down, 'He's done for now,' I said."

This false step, of course, hastened the end greatly. In criticising the expedition of two months ago Mr. Neufeld pointed out that all natural advantages, knowledge of the country, and speed of movement were on the side of the Khalifa, "but for all that," said Mr. Neufeld, "I think this march which our forces have achieved out there is splendid; it shows what can be made of Soudanese troops when trained by English officers."

And there is no successor to the Khalifa; it is a pleasant thought. "All the Mahdi's Khalifas are now dead," said Mr. Neufeld, "and as for Osman Digna—he will give no trouble, nor would he be able to collect any great number of followers; he has no influence over them."

I asked Mr. Neufeld what was the exact significance of the term "Khalifa," and he replied that it was part of Muhammad's system which the Mahdi, who always posed as being inspired by the Prophet, had copied. "Muhammad chose four Khalifas to be his successors, so the Mahdi also chose four. There were Abdulla, the one just dead, and Ali, and Sherif; they are all dead now. The fourth was to have been Arabi Pasha. Ah, yes; that was part of the Mahdi's and Abdulla's plan; they never wished Gordon to be killed, the Khalifa hoped to exchange Gordon against Arabi."

THE SUDAN'S FUTURE.

Speaking of the prospects of the country, Mr. Neufeld declared that the Soudan would soon be paying back all the money that England has put into it and more besides. There is great difficulty to be got from the Soudan's cuntries, "only of course," he explained, "there are none growing there now, they have been destroyed, but a little care will put that straight." Beyond this the country yields gold, silver, iron, ebony, and ivory, and Mr. Neufeld confessed that he might soon be thinking of going back.

As for the Soudanese, he compared them with a school class of 14 year old scamps, who want more looking after than the rest of the school put together. "Some of the Soudanese," he continued, "are learning to live peacefully in towns. Mainly, however, they are nomads. There are three great divisions of them, the Khialis who live by horses, the Baggaris who live by cattle, and the Gemali who live by camels. Of course, with all their herds and drivers they must be continually roving about to find fresh pastures. If they are governed too severely they are very dangerous; and they are even more dangerous if they are governed too lightly. But," he concluded significantly, "you remember that those real scamps at school if properly ruled turn out the best men of the lot."

And after all the Khalifa is dead, and as Mr. Neufeld said before, the Sirdar is the man for the Soudan, because he knows it, and altogether we may feel assured of better times coming.

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